

JOHNSON CAMP ENJOYS MUCH PROGRESS

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The Centurion Property, about half way between here and Dragoon, the company is installing a new 30 horse power steam boiler which will replace the small gasoline hoist. The force of miners has recently been increased under the direction of Superintendent Richardson, and a large body of oxide ore has already been blocked out.

At the Standard Mining company's camp, under the direction of O. T. Smith, considerable development work is being done and shipments are expected to begin in the near future.

In the Tungsten Fields.

The past few weeks have seen a material advancement in the number of tons of this sort of metal that is being shipped from here and from Dragoon which is the most convenient place. The location of hundreds of acres of placer ground has been the largest form of development. Whole sections of land have been taken up by parties who are carrying on systematic placer operations in the search of the metal. In every gulch on all sides of the Little Dragoons may be found men at work with all sorts of machines in collecting the particles of tungsten. Many are working with pans and are making good wages, while others are using rockers and jigs. There are estimated to be at the present time in this locality no less than five hundred engaged in getting out this class of metal, while the price has fallen about \$10 a unit during the past week there has been no stopping of the work and many new outfits are getting ready, daily to commence work. All through the granite in the vicinity of Texas Canyon can be found men at work panning and mining.

The Primes company still continues to be the largest producer and is shipping about fifteen tons a week. They are working about 100 men and are operating with a gasoline hoist. Owen Smith is in charge of the work.

The Draper camp is still working the usual force and is making small shipments almost every week. T. M. Seabright has a force of men at work and has recently installed a concrete motor and some rolls and has made a number of shipments. At his camp and in the immediate vicinity there are also a number of placer miners at work.

Several other concentrators are in the course of construction which will handle custom ores, so that many of the miners who are now working on a small scale will soon have a place to market their ores although there are, at the present time in the district, a number of buyers for the ore who make daily trips to the various camps.

The fever has struck almost everyone in this locality and ranchers who have never paid any attention to mining are now looking over their fields and pastures and are installing placer machines. Among the last to join the procession is Dave Adams, the pioneer of the Texas canyon country and the well known telephone man.

The Johnson-Dragoon district is at the present time leading all other parts of Arizona in the production of tungsten and the annual shipments will amount to several million dollars if the present price keeps up. A number of the residents who have held on a long time to their properties are now meeting with their rewards and several of them will have massed a fortune before many months.

Boston interests who recently tried to buy four ships agreed with sellers on \$175,000 each. Before transference could be made, price went to \$200,000 and a week later, \$225,000 each. This was too steep for the Bostonians. A four-masted schooner built 12 years ago for about \$32,000, has just sold for \$65,000.

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French Senate has just adopted principle of price fixing of necessities during duration of war. It proposes to fix prices of bread, meat, milk, butter, eggs, lard, potatoes, sugar, vegetables, light wines and beer, fertilizers, petroleum and denatured alcohol.

BUYS VERDE EX; GETS SICK AND WAKES TO FIND HIMSELF RICH

Michigan Man Bought Arizona Stock. He Worried Himself Sick; Finally Awakened to Find Stock Valuable

Here is one popular "United Verde Extension story," says the Michigan Mining Gazette. A man in Ontonagon county, named George Richardson, received \$400 from an estate settlement. On his way to the bank he met a friend who told him that Will Standard, former representative in the Michigan legislature from Ontonagon county, now Paine, Webber and company's manager at Calumet, had a straight tip on the stock market. It was a tip to buy United Verde Extension. The stock sold for \$1, the 100 shares were purchased and that night the man worried so much about the possible loss of his money that he became ill. He became delirious. Typhoid fever, then brain fever followed. For the greater part of two months the man was unconscious. When he did come to his first inquiry was regarding United Verde Extension. That very morning it struck \$25. When the man was told he released into another season of unconsciousness. Wagers now are offered as to the market value of his investment when next he reaches a state of mental equilibrium and what will happen to him if he never wakes up.

COPPER BASIN SCENE OF BIG SUMMER PLANS

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the time of the subterranean disturbance was doubtless sulphide in character. Old Man Time, working with the alchemy of the elements, has metamorphosed the sulphides into oxides. At a point near the north side of the Rob Roy claim of the Loma Prieta estate the Commercial people have, however, entered what appears to be a permanent deposit of copper sulphides.

Proof of Permanency.
The highly enriched body of chalcopryite ore disclosed in the Loma Prieta shaft is probably the apex of an immense shoot of copper sulphides. Many mining men believe it to be the main ore body from which Copper Basin and the surrounding territory derived enrichment. They contend that this ore body may be accepted as positive proof of the permanency of the Copper Basin district and of the investment worth of the property on which it is located. Chalcopryite ore was first encountered in the Loma Prieta shaft at a depth of 86 feet. At a depth of 105 feet the bottom and the sides of the shaft are filled with ore. Between the 85-foot and the 105-foot points crosscuts have been driven each way in the one length for 25 feet, measuring the width of the shaft, without disclosing the walls of the deposit.

The low grade ore carries an average of 4 per cent copper to the ton. The high grade varies in its copper content from 19.7 to a high as 24 per cent to the ton. It carries about 25 per cent in sulphur, about the same per cent in iron, as high as \$5.00 in gold and from 6 to 10 ounces in silver to the ton.

Other Ore Channels.
Plans are nearing completion for the development of the Schrubber group of 19 claims adjoining the Loma Prieta property to the north and the east. The acreage carries an ore channel parallel to the main copper ore channel disclosed on the Loma Prieta, with values ranking on a parity with the last mentioned. The Schrubber ore shows both copper sulphides and copper oxides in quantities apparently in place. The presence of chalcopryite is as persistent and noticeable as on the Loma Prieta property, adjoining. Henry Livesey and associates who hold the Schrubber group under option, will begin to work before the close of the current month. Machinery is to be installed and the property developed to the point of ore shipments with all the dispatch compatible with

safe and sane mining operations. At this time exploratory work at surface and nominal depth is being done, preparatory to deep mining, with the object of selecting the site of the main working shaft.

A Handful of Coppers.
Twenty-three dry tons of copper oxides shipped recently from the Copper Hill property in Copper Basin to the smelter at Hayden, netted the owners \$383.00, or within a few cents of \$16 per ton. Other shipments will go forward to smelter from the property at regular intervals. At the same time the shaft will be deepened with the object of blocking out ore in the permanent, or sulphide zone.

The McNulty & McBride group of copper claims carries a disseminated porphyry, surrounded on three sides, by granite and on the fourth by diorite. The belt of which the group is a part is about 2 by 2 1/2 miles in extent, with connecting necks of porphyry extending through to the copper-bearing monzonite and rhyolite in Copper Basin. In the latter section are located the Sink-to-Rise and Clipper groups. The showing on the two latter, as well as on the McNulty-McBride holdings, is sufficiently encouraging to warrant the development work now being done and the more extensive work that is to be done in the near future.

A deposit of ore carrying gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc is being developed to advantage on the Joe group adjoining the McNulty-McBride property. The ore prevails in a spur vein of the main porphyry belt and has a value of \$48.00 per ton in gold and silver alone. It is being sacked for shipment.

ACTIVITY AT JEROME IS GROWING DAILY

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will be completed in June. Its primary purpose is to supply 1,000 tons of "finest" daily for the re-venterators, but practically all the ore mined will pass through the crusher.

Much of the increased ore production will come from No. 5 shaft, which 600-foot tunnel level. This shaft is the deepest working in the mine. Arrangements have been made to have it concreted. When this done an electric hoist, with a capacity of 3,000 feet, will be placed at this shaft. A new electric hoist has been ordered to replace the old one at No. 4 shaft.

The United Verde company now has 1800 men on its payroll. This force will be increased about 500 during the summer. A contract for the construction of forty new houses in Clarkdale is to be let by the company in a few days.

Two Strikes.
Two new strikes have added to the mining fever that now prevails in Jerome. One has been made in the Copper Chief and the other in the Dundee-Arizona.

The Copper Chief, four miles south of Jerome, is owned by the Hayden Development company, and no details regarding the strike have been made public. It is known however, that a contract has been let for the freighting of 36 tons of copper ore daily to Clarkdale, to be shipped from that point to one of the smelters in the southern part of the state.

For years the Copper Chief was supposed to be only a gold and silver mine. It has a splendid surface showing of gold ore. The main ledge is 20 feet wide from the surface to the 160-foot level, and it averages \$8 a ton in gold and silver.

A 300 feet, a drift was run 150 feet, all in copper ore averaging two per cent. At 350 feet, the present depth of the shaft, the ore is much higher in copper. It is from this level that the ore to be shipped is now being stopped. It is silicious in character.

A tunnel taps the shaft at 350 feet, and through this the gold ore mined above the 160-foot level trammed out to the mill. The plant, which is a tube and ball mill with cyanide plant, is treating 125 tons of ore a day and saving seventy per cent of the values. It was completed only last October and is one of the most modern mills of its type in the southwest. James Wellington Finch, the noted geologist and mining engineer, is now at the Copper Chief making an examination. His understanding that he is formulating a plan for the development of the unexpected copper deposit.

Shea Copper Co.

Just south of the Copper Chief, but on somewhat lower ground, lie four patented claims owned by D. J. Shea, one of Jerome's most prominent merchants. The surface showing is fully encouraging as on Copper Chief, but the copper values are much higher and the gold values less. About \$5,000 worth of work has been done. Several shallow shafts have been run. All are in ore; and no place has either wall of the ore been cut. There are eight or nine outcrops—all running well up in copper.

The Shea is soon to be added to the Jerome district's list of active mines. Mr. Shea is organizing the Shea Copper Company, capitalized at \$750,000. There are to be 1,500,000 shares with a par value of 50 cents each. A portion of this stock is to be offered for sale at par. As the Shea claims are regarded as one of the best prospects in the Jerome district, many applications for stock reservations have already been received.

Mr. Shea is to be president of the company; J. P. Connolly will be secretary-treasurer and Nathan Schultz, a director. Several other Jerome business men are interested.

Dundee-Arizona.

The Dundee-Arizona property consists of two patented claims, the Greenflower and Green-up, lying on the south slope of the "Hogback" and less than half a mile out of Jerome. They were held for a number of years.

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by F. S. Stephen and Alexander McKay. Stephen recently organized the Dundee-Arizona Mining Company, with 500,000 shares, par value \$1. The owners received 275,000 shares for the property and the remainder was taken over by a syndicate of Phoenix business men who sold 100,000 shares at par. The history of the financing of the Dundee-Arizona affords a close parallel that that of the Green Monster company, for the stock offered for sale was greatly oversubscribed and has already gone up to \$2.

Cutting through the claims for a distance of 700 feet is a ledge of conglomerate, stained a vivid green and averaging all the way from six to twelve per cent copper right on the surface. A tunnel has been driven into this ledge for 264 feet. It soon passes through the conglomerate and enters the lime, which is also heavily impregnated with copper. There are frequent water courses through time and from their walls samples running as high as 20 per cent copper can be broken.

From the 200-foot point in the tunnel a shaft was sunk 100 feet into the lime, and the copper values still held. A raise was then started to connect with a shaft sunk 65 feet from the surface. When 70 feet above the tunnel level and within five feet of the shaft, the raise chipped into the edge of a blind ledge of lime carbonate and glance averaging 25 per cent copper. This ledge was penetrated only last Friday and there has been no opportunity to determine its extent.

A site is being graded for a gasoline hoist that is on the way. When this machinery is in place the shaft will be sunk to a depth of 1,000 feet. Nine men are now being employed under the direction of Superintendent J. A. Hubbard.

Jerome Verde.
The Jerome Verde Company, which owns 28 patented claims, surrounded on three sides by the United Verde, United Verde Extension, and Dundee-Arizona, is not now doing any development work on its own account but is shortly to let a contract for the construction of 21,000 feet of road to connect with the site chosen for a new shaft. This road will cost about \$4,000. As soon as it is completed machinery will be installed and the shaft will be sunk to a depth of at least 1,000 feet.

The site chosen for the new shaft is about 2,000 feet southwest of the United Verde Extension's Edith shaft and on a line between that and the Dundee-Arizona workings. If location counts for anything the Jerome Verde will prove to be one of the big things in the district. From the old shaft, down 700-feet, some good ore was shipped about a year ago.

Pittsburg-Jerome.
On the strength of a showing recently opened the stock of Pittsburg-Jerome Co. has jumped from three to 50 cents a share. This showing is an eight-foot ledge of copper-gold-silver ore, opened in the shaft which is now down 500 feet. A tunnel taps the shaft at the bottom, and a drift is being run from that level. The directors of the company visited Jerome about a month ago and it is understood that they plan to sink the shaft 2,000 feet.

Calumet and Jerome.

An option on the Calumet & Jerome group has been secured by the interests in control of the Shattuck company of Bisbee. It is understood that they have practically closed a deal whereby they secure control of some claims owned by Joe Larson and Chas. Sutter, and that they are to undertake development soon.

North Verde.
The Goodrich-Loebhart company of New York, has acquired the four claims of the North Verde company and is now holding them under the name of the Mowles Copper Company. This company has not started development and it is understood that it is delaying in the hope that it will secure an option on 51 per cent of the stock of the Arkansas and Arizona Company, which owns fourteen claims adjoining. Rumors to the effect that the deal had gone through sent A. A. stock up from 25 to 32 cents a share in Jerome.

One of the finest hoists in the southwest is at the Arkansas & Arizona and it has other splendid surface equipment. The shaft is down 1500 feet and a good showing of low grade copper ore has been opened at that depth. Experts are of the opinion that commercial ore will be opened at about 2,000 feet.

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